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SUBJECT: JOINT US-ROK STATEMENT ON SIGNING OF JSA AGREEMENT

REF: SEOUL 7032 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN MY MEETING WITH HIM SEPTEMBER 7, FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG-CHIN REITERATED HIS BRIEF COMMENT TO ME YESTERDAY (REFTEL) THAT PRESIDENT PAK HAD NOT BEEN ALTOGETHER HAPPY ABOUT JOINT STATEMENT. WHILE PRESIDENT HAD NOT BEEN SPECIFIC ABOUT SOURCE HIS DISSATISFACTION, HE APPARENTLY SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE LIKED MORE TIME TO STUDY IT AND THAT OUR HASTE IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS BY NORTH KOREANS. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED CONTENT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT ON THE JSA TO THE PRESIDENT IN POSITIVE

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TERMS, NOTING THAT OUR ACTIONS AND LINE WE HAD ADOPTED IN

STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED IN PART BY ELECTION YEAR POLITICS. FORNMIN REPORTED THAT AFTER BRIEF CONVERSATION HE HAD GOTTEN PRESIDENT TO PUT HIS INITIALS ON TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS, I COMMENTED THAT I THOUGHT THIS WAS GOOD STATEMENT EXPRESSING OUR FIRMNESS IN CLEAR, RESPONSIBLE TONES. FACT WAS, I REMINDED FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT NORTH KOREA HAD MOVED VERY QUICKLY IN MAKING CONCESSIONS TO US AT EVERY TURN AND THAT OUR OWN PROMPTNESS THEREFORE SEEMED APPROPRIATE. SNEIDER UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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